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Filing Date	December 31, 2003
First Named Inventor	Lukas Trozman et al.
Art Unit	3641
Examiner Name	Harvey E. Behrend
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Applicants: Lukas Trozman et al.
Group Art Unit: 3641
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Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH FUEL RODS FOR A REACTOR FUEL BUNDLE
Conf. No. 5553
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 4, 2005, and concurrent with the filing of this Rule 1.114 Request for Continuing Examination (RCE), the due date for reply having been extended one (1) month until September 6, 2005 (Tuesday), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.